Ruth Gilb; Citizen of the Year

Ruth Gilb, wife of Charles E. Gilb, Charles E. Gilb Co., was pleasantly surprised when her husband caught her at the Miami airport, where she and her daughter, Denice, were awaiting their flight to Rio de Janeiro. This was when he sprung the news that she had been chosen as one of Arcadia's two Citizens of the Year.

"It was a great honor," said Charles Gilb of his wife's accomplishment. Charles held the same honor in 1977. "It's the first time that both a husband and wife have held this position in Arcadia."

Ruth Gilb has an impressive list of accomplishments that lead to her being chosen for the award. She served as president of HOY Community Clinic in 1982–83, was chairman of the student loan committee of the Altrusa Club and chairman of Altrusa's Day at the Races, a fund-raiser.

Currently she is president of the Arcadia Tournament of Roses Association, having served for five years on the board of directors. She was chairman of the Arcadia All City Faire, has been a member of Parent Alert, Arcadia Historical Society, Friends of the Arcadia Library and the Visiting Nurses Associaton.

Ruth Gilb

Ruth Valadon Gilb was born to Portugese emigrants in Havre, Montana. She graduated from Havre High School, where she was senior class president.

She attended the University of Idaho and married Charles Gilb in 1947. The Gilbs moved to California in 1949 and settled in Arcadia in 1950.

The nomination paper said "This vibrant, talented woman has always been an active person, and while raising her three children, Valerie, Michael and Denice, was tirelessly involved in community activities."

Mrs. Gilb is the owner of a women's apparel shop in Arcadia. The summary of her accomplishments states, "She has business acumen as well as being a successful wife, mother, community leader and volunteer."

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Association Announces Officers

At the annual meeting of the Board of Directors of the Associated Produce Dealers and Brokers of Los Angeles, Inc., Charles E. Gilb was elected president of the 165 member trade association which represents the major portion of the fresh produce firms in Los Angeles. This is the sixth term for Gilb, who is president of his own company, and active in many civic affairs in his home town of Arcadia.

Other officers elected to one year terms were Tosh Goto, Oxnard Celery Distributors, Treasurer; and Bob Witt, American Produce Company, Vice President.

New directors are Roland Chung, W. Fay Company; Nace Cohen, Progressive Produce Company; and Andrew Duda of Southland Produce Company.